



Environmental Policy

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1 Introduction

Avon Fire & Rescue Service provides an emergency service and fire safety support to more than one million people living in the 4 unitary areas of Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. We fully recognise our responsibilities to reduce our environmental impacts and to respond to the increasing effects of climate change. Our commitment is reflected in the Avon Fire Authority's Climate Change Declaration and the environmental priorities and targets set out in our Integrated Risk Management Plan and Corporate Plan.

This policy provides the parameters for the objectives, targets and plans of our environmental programme.

2 Scope

This policy will apply to all employees, volunteers, auxiliary staff, elected members of the Avon Fire Authority, contractors and all visitors to Service premises.

The Service will also ensure that contractors and providers of goods and services are aware of our environmental policy and matters of sustainable procurement and understand their obligations in terms of adhering to certain standards and requirements related to goods and services provided. This requirement will be clearly set out in written communications to contractors and providers of goods and services, forming an explicit part of the contract between individual contractors and AF&RS.

3 Responsibility

3.1 The successful implementation and monitoring of the Environmental Policy will be the responsibility of the Environmental Steering Group, chaired by the Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive (CFO/CEO) and with director level representation.

3.2 The Environmental team (Environmental & Energy Co-ordinator, and Environmental Projects Officer) has day-to-day responsibility for review and development of the environmental work of the organisation, working closely with unit heads whose areas of responsibility have an impact on the environment.

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4 The Policy

4.1 Key targets:

- To reduce CO₂ equivalent emissions from AF&RS sites and operations by 50% by 2020 and 65% by 2030 from a 2009 baseline
- To generate 20% of AF&RS' total energy demand from renewable energy (on- and off-site) by 2020
- To prevent pollution and ensure compliance with all necessary environmental legislation and regulations
- To demonstrate environmental leadership in the Fire and Rescue sector

4.2 Key commitments:

4.2.1 Governance & management

- Work towards phased introduction of an environmental management system to provide the structure through which we manage our environmental impact
- Provide leadership and support for environmental management within AF&RS and AFA through the Environmental Steering Group with director level representatives
- Ensure compliance with environmental legislation, regulations and best practice guidance relevant to our operations and services
- Continual improvement of our environmental performance through the implementation and review of objectives and targets

4.2.2 Impacts & operations

- Prevent pollution of land, water and air from our sites, training and incident response, continuing to implement initiatives that lower the environmental impact of operational incidents
- Reduce our energy consumption through energy efficiency measures and by increasing the development and use of renewable energy sources
- Reduce emissions from AF&RS travel (staff and business) and fleet transport through technical measures, fleet improvements, operational developments and incentive schemes
- Minimise waste going to landfill from our sites through reduction, reuse, recycling and recovery
- Reduce water consumption from our sites and incident response through water efficiency measures
- Protect and enhance biodiversity through our site management and emergency response activities



4.2.3 Stakeholders & communications

- Work towards the introduction and implementation of a sustainable procurement policy, comprising all goods, works and services procured for AF&RS, including new build design, site refurbishment, IT, financial and on-site contractors
- Actively involve our staff in improving environmental performance on an on-going basis through training, awareness-raising and regular communications
- Work with our partners, stakeholders and other agencies to improve environmental protection through incident response and to develop environmental initiatives in the communities we assist
- Regularly report on our environmental activities and progress to our staff and the wider community


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